appropriately take up India's request for joining the project with the Governments of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

(b) and (c) As the discussions are at a preliminary stage, implementation plan has not been worked out.

Allocation of kerosene to Jharkhand

†2214. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Jharkhand have demanded to allot the kerosene for agriculture purposes;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of Government's policy regarding separate allotment of kerosene for agricultural purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No such request has been received from the State Government of Jharkhand.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) PDS kerosene is an allocated product. The Government of India allocates kerosene to the States/Union Territories (UTs) under the Public Distribution System (PDS). In terms of the kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order, 1993, kerosene supplied under the PDS shall not be used for any purpose other than cooking and illumination. There is no separate PDS SKO allocation for the purpose of agriculture.

Imposition of fine on ONGC and Reliance

†2215. DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of Hydrocarbon has recommended to impose penalty on ONGC and Reliance Industries Limited;

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